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1. A central Government Investigation Team which represents three agencies; namely the People's Political Council, the Control Yuan and the Superintendent Committee of the Kuomintang, has been visiting Tsingtao, ostensibly for the purpose of investigating activities of the Alien Property Administration. However, the group is not confining its activities to this alone, but is also receiving reports of graft and corruption concerning public officials. Ordinary citizens are being given the opportunity to anonymously report to this commission any acts of illegality committed by Tsingtao officials.

2. The problem of graft among Government officials was brought to a head recently when the Harbor Master who is in charge of keeping the docks in condition, was discovered to be collecting exorbitant sums of money but failing to use any of it to fulfill his obligations in maintaining repair of harbor facilities.

3. Mayor Li is under considerable investigation both by this group and also by the BIS organization, because so many people have reported graft on his part. It was also reported but not confirmed, that Mayor Li will be relieved of his post and replaced by General Ka, Commander-in-chief of the Communication Troops in Shanghai.

4. Admiral Tang Ching-hai who is in charge of the turn-over of Japanese equipment to the Chinese Navy, has been arrested on charges of corruption in the administration of his duties.

5. Navy Captain Chang Peng-jen, Assistant to Captain Lin Hsiang-kwang, Director of the Chinese Naval Training Center, is also under investigation.

6. Captain Lin, himself, has been asked to resign and he has submitted a letter to Nanking requesting that his resignation become effective not later than 1 January 1947.

7. On 1 October rumors were being circulated in Tsingtao that Vice Mayor Ka Tan is behind this Investigation Group, that he is selecting the officials whom he wants investigated, and that the Commission is abiding by his wishes. Ka Tan seems to be gathering more power daily and apparently he is one of the few officials in town who is not disturbed by the Commission's presence in the city. On 6 October, however, Ka Tan left Tsingtao for Nanking, and it was rumored that this was because he had discovered that the Investigation Group was making inquiries regarding his activities since the end of the war. Supposedly, Ka Tan had gone to Nanking to stop any possible action in regard to this matter. However, a 25X1A6a official states that Ka Tan visited Nanking on private business only. paragraph, 25X1A6a

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8. As of 7 October, eight important persons had been arrested, the most prominent of whom was Chang Li-ju (also given as Li-ku), the sole representative to the FCC from Tsingtao and recognized as one of the most powerful figures in the city. Also, it is reported that even more people will be arrested before this Investigation Commission leaves Tsingtao.

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Note: A European businessman reported that the Investigation Commission had notified Hanking that their work in Tsingtao is practically useless because the conditions are so bad. A Chinese city official reports that the group is becoming involved in trivial matters and overlooking the more important issues because people who are themselves afraid of an investigation have been pointing out to the group for investigation little details concerning people considered as rivals.)

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